GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Registration and Stamps Department – Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri G. Peddanna, former in charge District Registrar, Anantapuramu and present District Registrar, Hindupur - Articles of Charges framed – Written Statement of Defence submitted – Imposing a punishment of withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.754 Dated: 16-07-2016.

Read the following:

1. From the D&IG, R&S, AP, Hyderabad, Lr.No.Vig.2/8529/ 2015, dated: 02.09.2015.
2. G.O.Rt.No.1004, Revenue (Vig.II) Department,dt.5.10.2015.
3. WSD of Sri G. Peddanna, District Registrar, Hindupur, Dated: 03.12.2015.

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ORDER:

Whereas in the reference 1st read above, the Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, A.P, Hyderabad has informed that during the review of the pending pension cases by the office, it was noticed that Sri G.Peddanna, former District Registrar, Anantapur and present District Registrar, Hindupur has sanctioned encashment of E.L to Sri M. Murali Mohan, Jt. Sub Registrar-I, Registrar Officer (Original Branch), Anantapur against whom a recovery of Rs.6,82,700/- was ordered by the Government from the retirement benefits of the said employee and thereby he committed irregularity and violated the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964. The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, AP, Hyderabad has requested the Government to initiate disciplinary proceedings against him as Government is competent authority against the District Registrar cadre.

2. Government after careful examination of the matter, have initiated Disciplinary proceedings against Sri G.Peddanna, former District Registrar, Anantapur duly framing following articles of charges vide reference 2nd read above.

Charge:

"…. while discharging his duties as District Registrar, Ananthapuramu sanctioned Encashment of Earned Leave of 299 days to Sri M. Murali Mohan, Joint Sub Registrar-I, Registrar Office (Original Branch), Ananthapuramu (Retired on 31.10.2009) in his proceedings No. 28/E/2009, Dated:05.01.2012 in violation of Government orders in G.O.Rt.No. 1097, Finance & Planning (FW-Pen-I) Department, Dated:22.06.2000, even though two disciplinary cases are pending against Sri M.Murali Mohan as on the date of issue of the said proceedings, they are (1) Case relating to Anti Corruption Bureau surprise check on 28.07.2008 on Registrar Office(Original Branch), Ananthapuramu and six charges were framed against Sri M.Murali Mohan. (2) Another case relating to causing of loss of Revenue of Rs.6,82,700/-by Sri M.Murali Mohan by registering certain documents without adopting proper market values during his tenure at Registrar Office(Original Branch), Ananthapuramu."

3. Whereas in the reference 3rd read above, the Charged Officer submitted his Written Statement of Defence stating that the Departmental

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proceedings against Sri M. Murali Mohan, Joint Sub Registrar in one case was concluded by the Government duly imposing a penalty of 50% cut in pension vide G.O. Rt. No. 682, Rev (Vigilance - II) Department, dt. 30.06.2014 and as such there is no any penalty on retirement benefits. Since, the disciplinary case was closed as on 15.10.2015, the charge is baseless. As regard to second case against Sri M. Murali Mohan, Retd. Sub Registrar, he caused loss of Rs.6,82,700/- to the Government in registering certain documents without adopting proper market value during his tenure, the Charged Officer has stated that the Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Ananthapuramu has forwarded the application of Murali Mohan to the District Registrar, Ananthapuramu vide Endt. No: 51/162/2011, dt: 29.07.2011 with a instructions to dispose of the application. The Charged Officer has examined the entire issue according to provisions of Sec.41(A) of the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 as amended in 1986. The above issue was discussed before according sanction and it is not amenable to provisions of G.O. Ms. No: 1097, dt: 22.06.2000. He has further stated that as the gratuity payable is more than the amount of Rs.6,82,700/- it can be recovered from gratuity and so release of encashment of earned leave of 299 days is in no way amounts to loss of Revenue to the Government. Finally, he has requested the Government to drop further action against him.

4. Government after careful examination of the matter have observed that the Charged Officer Sri G. Peddanna, former District Registrar, Anantapur has sanctioned EL encashment to an official who is facing charges (which involves deficit amount collectable). Therefore, Government decided to impose a minor punishment of withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect against the Charged Officer.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a minor punishment of withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect against the Charged Officer Sri G. Peddanna, former District Registrar, Anantapur.

6. The Director and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad / Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Anantapur, shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly under intimation to the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJEYA KALLAM
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director and Inspector General,
Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Anantapur.
The Individual.
(*through: the Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Anantapur*)
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